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TOPIC Oranienburg AirfieldEVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                     

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1. During July 1954, the Hans Schemm School in the Weisse Stadt in Oranienburg was still occupied by a Soviet Air Force unit which has been stationed there for about four years. A soldier of the unit stated that he and his comrades had nothing to do with aircraft and that his unit was independent and provided with a kitchen of its own. The unit's transportation consisted of eight horses and carts and all necessary trips were made by these carts. 25X1
2. Between 14 July and 6 August, repair work was continued on buildings Nos 1, 2, 3, 16, and 17 in the Weisse Stadt. Work was not yet completed but the glaziers were still to work for about three weeks and the painters for two weeks. On 5 August,                      new troops would be transferred to the Weisse Stadt in 22 days.                      Werneuchen, Bernau, and Eberswalde as the unit was supplied from these points.                      type aircraft would be transferred to the airfield                      jet bombers would probably arrive, but the officers of the advance detail were not satisfied with the status of the field. About 30 officers of the advance detail were allegedly trained pilots. A number of officers with aviation badges were observed at the field. 25X1
- On 4 August, troops practiced with a radio truck in the Weisse Stadt for about one hour. 1 25X1
3. Prior to 6 August, 7 biplanes and 1 Yak-14 were still parked in the large hangar at the field. The annexes to the hangar were vacant. The fuel dump at the field was not yet filled with fuel. The fuel which arrived in railroad tank cars on the spur track was transferred into tank trucks.                      the biplanes were used for practice flights by the officers and                      usually flew in the vicinity of the field.                      an aircraft occasionally flew to Werneuchen 25X1
4. Between 14 July and 5 August, the field was still occupied by some Po-2s and one Yak-14 which occasionally made flights in the vicinity of the field. 25X1
5. The Weisse Stadt was still occupied by 300 to 400 men most of whom were air force personnel including some with aviation badges. Some officers wore red-bordered green and red-bordered crimson epaulets. On 16 July, old lockers 25X1

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were shipped away. On 17 July, lockers were again dispatched to the spur truck where they were loaded by about 30 soldiers on 15 boxcars near the hangar. Apparently, billeting equipment in need of repair was being dispatched. No regular military activity by air force soldiers was observed in the Weisse Stadt up to 5 August. The soldiers had much spare time and suffered from boredom. 1

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6. The following motor vehicles were seen entering and leaving the Weisse Stadt Settlement:

Trucks

with trailer

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Sedans

Jeeps

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7. Between 19 July and 5 August, some PO-2s and Yak-14s were still stationed at the field. In addition to occasional flights during daytime, some night flights were made at the field. The runway was illuminated by a searchlight mounted on a truck. At about midnight during the night of 20/21 July, five alternately red and white ground signals were fired from the direction of the Weisse Stadt. Subsequently, the air activity was discontinued. 1

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1. Comment. It is believed that Oranienburg airfield is occupied by a Soviet Air Force construction unit and three air force units including an advance detail equipped with Po-2s. The second unit has not been identified and the third unit which arrived in late May or early June 1954 is believed to be the advance detail of an air unit which will possibly be equipped with bombers. some connection exists between Werneuchen bomber airfield and Oranienburg.

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